

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

## HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 03-15**

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.15.015 directs the Higher Education Coordinating Board, upon consideration of advice from representatives of the state's institutions and with the advice of the attorney general, to adopt rules and regulations to be used by the state's institutions for determining a student's resident and nonresident status and for recovery of fees for improper classification of residency; and

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.15.011 specifies legislative intent that the state institutions of higher education shall apply uniform rules as prescribed in RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.014 and not otherwise, in determining whether students shall be classified as resident students or nonresident students for all tuition and fee purposes; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the public institutions have provided the Higher Education Coordinating Board with draft language designed to clarify and strengthen the rules determining residency status for tuition purposes, which has been reviewed by the attorney general's office; and

WHEREAS, Staff of the Higher Education Coordinating Board have carried out the required steps of the rulemaking process, including filing of notice (CR 101), filing of draft language (CR 102), and holding two public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Feedback from the public hearings has been incorporated into new draft language, resulting in two non-substantive changes to the original draft language, as follows:

- Deleting proposed new section, WAC 250-18-070, "Prospective application of amendments,"
  and
- Adding the phrase "or others" to proposed first sentence of WAC 250-18-035. The sentence will now read: "A person is financially independent if he or she has not been and will not be claimed as an exemption and has not received and will not receive significant financial assistance in any form directly or indirectly from his or her parents, relatives, legal guardians, or others for the current calendar year and for the calendar year immediately prior to the year in which application is made."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the attached draft language and directs staff to undertake the final step in the rulemaking process, filing a rule-making order (CR 103).

Adopted:

June 12, 2003

Attest:

Bob Craves, Chair

Gay Selby, Vice Chair